MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether after that date till this moment there is any timber in tract No. III left behind without being exploited?

RAO BAHADUR T V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: There are still something like 12 lakhs cubic feet of timber left behind in tract No. III for exploitation.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Out of that quantity may I know what quantity of timber remains in registered holdings included in tract No. III?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: They are all in registered holdings.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know when the Government will consider the question of lifting royalty in tract No. III?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: I doubt if that question is in order.

PRESIDENT: The head of the department cannot anticipate the decision of Government.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: In answer to a question it was stated by the Economic Development Board that it will be lifted as soon as possible. Can we have any idea of the word "as soon as possible?"

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: As soon as possible.

Road connecting Suchindram-Marungur road, etc.

587. ✻MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the banks of the Therkulam east of the Theroor junction, of Chettikulam and of the channel starting from the Athanimarkulam escape of the N. P. channel form a cartable connecting road between the Suchindram-Marungur road, the Suchindram-Vellamadam road and the Theroor-Nagercoil road;

(*b*) whether they are aware that it is an important road deserving metalling and proper maintenance;

(*c*) what is the length of this road;

(*d*) whether this road is being properly maintained; and

(*e*) if so what is the maintenance amount per year?

MR. K. K. KARTHA (*Executive Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) 1½ miles.

(*d*) It is not maintained as a road.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*d*).

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know whether the member is aware that the P. W. D. Advisory Board visited this road recently and recommended for its maintenance?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: Government are aware of it.

Ranny-Manimala road.

588. ✻MR. V. I. IDICULA (*Pattanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done to improve the bad condition of the Ranny-Manimala road after the last budget session?

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